

# Criminology Year 12 into 13: Summer Independent Learning

**COMPULSORY TASKS-** THERE ARE **FOUR COMPULSORY TASKS** THAT WE EXPECT ALL CRIMINOLOGY STUDENTS TO COMPLETE FOR THE START OF YEAR 13 AND BE READY TO HAND IN TO YOUR YEAR 13 TEACHER THE FIRST DAY YOU ARE BACK IN FOR YEAR 13.

## **TASK 1:**

### **500 WORD WRITE UP FOR POLICE AC1.1**

All year 12 classes began Unit 3 in the summer term and completed the first lessons for the police section of AC1.1. Some students will have potentially completed the 500-word write-up for this section already. If you have not completed this section your first SIL task is to complete this write-up. All the necessary PowerPoints, supporting documents and information have been shared with you by your class teacher.

## **TASK 2:**

All year 12 classes have had the chance to fill in the first section of AC1.1 with their class teacher and now should be confident in the areas they need to research in order to meet the requirements of AC1.1. Your next task is to complete research and fill in your AC1.1 booklet on the next 6 key personnel for 1.1- This should be ready to hand in to your teacher in September at the start of year 13. There are lots of links provided at the end of this document that will help guide your research. The personnel you need to cover are all included in your AC1.1 booklet.

## **TASK 3:**

### **COMPLETE RESEARCH ON FIRST 10 CRIMINAL CASES**

Case studies of malpractice and miscarriages of justice. All year 12 classes have completed the first preview lessons on the first 10 cases that will be used throughout Unit 3. If for any reason you have not completed this section your next SIL task is to complete this research. All the necessary PowerPoints, supporting documents and information have been shared with all classes. (A copy of the research resource is included here at the end)

### **PREVIOUS 10 CASES- THE TEN CASES ARE:**

- MURDER OF RACHEL NICKELL AND **COLIN STAGG**
- THE MURDER OF **STEPHEN LAWRENCE**
- THE TRIAL, CONVICTION AND APPEAL OF **SALLY CLARK**
- THE TRIAL, CONVICTION AND APPEAL OF **BARRY GEORGE**
- **THE HILLSBOROUGH DISASTER**
- THE 'TRIAL BY MEDIA' OF **CHRISTOPHER JEFFRIES**
- USMAN KHAN
- THE TRIAL, CONVICTION AND APPEAL OF **RONALD COTTON**
- **THE BIRMINGHAM SIX**
- **IAN TOMLINSON** AND THE INVESTIGATION BY PATHOLOGIST FREDDY PATEL

## **TASK 4:**

**RESEARCH THE FOLLOWING CASES- USE THE SAME RESEARCH RESOURCE THAT YOU HAVE USED FOR THE FIRST 10 INFO TO INCLUDE**

- a) **Overview of the crime- who? Where? When? What?**
- b) **Was anyone convicted? If so why?**
- c) **Was the conviction overturned via appeal? Why?**
- d) **What is seen as a problem/wrong with the way the case has moved through the criminal justice system?**
  - **TONY DIEDRICK'S** MURDER OF JOAN FRANCISCO <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/473498.stm>
  - **COLIN PITCHFORK** <https://murderpedia.org/male.P/p/pitchfork-colin.htm>
  - **DAVID BUTLER** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-19412819>
  - **PAUL HUTCHINSON'S** MURDER OF COLLETTE ARAM <https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2010/jan/25/paul-hutchinson-jailed-colette-aram>
  - **TIMOTHY EVANS** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/wales/entries/cdc56160-91eb-366d-ae0e-5d9c5a676fe2>
  - **NICOLAS ROBINSON-** LONDON RIOTS <https://www.thejournal.ie/student-jailed-for-six-months-for-looting-a-case-of-water-in-london-199256-Aug2011/>
  - THE TRIAL, CONVICTION AND APPEAL OF **STEPHEN DOWNING** <https://murderpedia.org/male.D/d/downing-stephen.htm>
  - **IAN TOMLINSON** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-53221983>

**STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** – The following tasks are strongly recommended. By completing them you will have an advantage in completing your year 13 work for unit 3 in AC1.2 and other parts of the course.

### **TASK 1: PREPARATION FOR COMPLETING AC1.2**

#### **Assess the usefulness of investigative techniques in criminal investigations**

Read/watch the links below and summarise the strengths and weaknesses of each of these techniques when they are used to investigate crime.

**What are each technique's strengths and weaknesses?** When do they work? When might they not? Do they prevent all types of crime equally? Why might they not be trustworthy?

#### **Forensics**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5HoZ7veCYY>

<https://sciencing.com/pros-cons-forensic-science-8066285.html>

<https://www.forensic-pathways.com/confirmation-bias-ethics-and-mistakes-in-forensics/>

#### **Surveillance**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQ-SAD\\_89Yg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQ-SAD_89Yg)

<https://www.futurelearn.com/info/courses/economics-of-crime/0/steps/20272>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-derbyshire-22013080>



#### **Eye Witness Testimony**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-SBTRLoPuo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I4V6aoYuDcg>

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2009/aug/18/eyewitness-evidence-wrongful-conviction>

#### **Database**

<https://vittana.org/11-significant-dna-database-pros-and-cons>

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/london-trident-gangs-matrix-metropolitan-police>

### **TASK 2: Extra criminal cases to research**

The following are all cases that could be included in various parts of Unit 3.

- ADAM SCOTT
- JOHN DUFFY
- STEVE TITUS
- DEREK BENTLEY

**CASE:**

Overview of the crime:

Who was convicted and why?

Was their conviction overturned? (yes or no and explain why)

What was wrong with the case: (fill in the relevant parts of the following grid)

<b>What personnel involved in the case?</b> How effective were they? Did they make any mistakes?	<b>What techniques were used to investigate?</b> How effective were they? Forensic reports, eyewitnesses, etc)	<b>How was evidence collected and processed in each case?</b> Was there any contamination of evidence or was it circumstantial?

Resources: make a note of any links that you have used here as part of your research so that you can find the information again at a later date if needed.

## AC1.1 research links

### Forensic scientist

#### ROLE

Use the following links to research the role of the forensic scientist:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/forensic-scientist>

<https://work.chron.com/duties-forensic-specialist-14571.html>

Think about:

- How they handle and interpret evidence
- Their level of knowledge on handling particular types of evidence and why that is important
- What pressures they might have
- What relationships do they have with other agencies
- What specialist roles are there (explain at least two)

#### COST

Use the following links to research the effectiveness of forensic scientists in relation to cost:

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/feb/13/uk-justice-fund-forensic-services-budget-cuts>

<http://www.labnews.co.uk/article/2029976/forensics-in-crisis>

Think about:

- How much is spent on forensic services
- Where funding comes from
- How has funding and services changed since 2012
- The possible effect of funding cuts
- How this may have impacted individual cases (You can use any case – new or the ones you have researched)

#### AVAILABILITY

Use the following links to research the effectiveness of the forensic scientists in relation to availability:

<https://www.careervillage.org/questions/787/what-does-a-typical-work-day-for-a-forensic-scientist-look-like>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/forensic-scientist>

Think about:

What impact does this have on amount of evidence they are able to process accurately

#### Expertise

Use the following links to research the effectiveness of the forensic scientists in relation to expertise and also their role in court as expert witnesses:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/4637687.stm>

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/crackdown-on-expert-witnesses-1664447.html>

<https://www.theguardian.com/law/2012/mar/08/forensics-blunder-convictions>

Think about:

- The areas of specialist forensics
- Contamination of evidence (A case study would be relevant here)
- How they are used by the defence and prosecution as expert witnesses – do they always get it right? (try and include a case study)

## SCCTD

### Role

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/special-crime-and-counter-terrorism-division-scctd>

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/terrorism>

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/legal-guidance/terrorism-guidance-relation-prosecution-individuals-involved-terrorism-overseas>

Think about:

What is their role and what sort of crimes do they handle?

How do they handle and prosecute terrorism cases?

### COST AND AVAILABILITY

Use the following links to research the effectiveness of SCCTD in relation to cost & availability:

[https://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmcpai/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/01/SCCTD\\_rpt\\_Feb19.pdf](https://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmcpai/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/01/SCCTD_rpt_Feb19.pdf) (see pages 2-3 on funding)

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/cps-areas-cps-direct-cps-central-casework-divisions-and-cps-proceeds-crime>

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/special-crime-and-counter-terrorism-division-scctd>

Think about:

How much actual funding do they receive and is it enough?

### EXPERTISE

How many people work in the division?

- Use the following links to research the effectiveness of SCCTD in relation to expertise
- <https://www.cps.gov.uk/special-crime-and-counter-terrorism-division-scctd>
- <https://www.cps.gov.uk/terrorism>
- [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/891341/police-powers-terrorism-mar2020-hosb1520.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/891341/police-powers-terrorism-mar2020-hosb1520.pdf)
- <https://www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/terror-offences-charges-left-lie-file>
- <https://www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/independent-report-welcomes-work-cps-special-crime-and-counter-terrorism-division>
- <https://www.cps.gov.uk/counter-terrorism-division-crown-prosecution-service-cps-successful-prosecutions-2016>

Think about:

- Look at the people who work for them and their level of qualifications
- What is their level of success?

CPS

## ROLE

Use the following links to research the role of the CPS:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/23>

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/>

Think about:

What do the CPS do? Is the CPS an independent body? When did the CPS take over the prosecution role from the police? Why did they take over the role? Do the CPS delegate minor offences to the Police? What is the legislation that the CPS must follow?

## COST

Use the following links to research the effectiveness of the CPS in relation to cost:

<https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/news/cps-can-take-no-more-cuts-attorney-general-/5068981.article>

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/crime-prosecutions-uk-police-cps-budget-cuts-criminal-justice-system-alison-saunders-a8605276.html>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-35496012>

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/cps-response-additional-ps85m-funding>

<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/home-affairs/justice/is-the-criminal-justice-system-fit-for-purpose/>

Think about:

How is the CPS is funded? What cuts have happened in recent years? How would this impact justice?

Has there been any changes to funding?

## AVAILABILITY

Use the following links to research the effectiveness of the CPS in relation to availability:

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/cps-areas-cps-direct-cps-central-casework-divisions-and-cps-proceeds-crime>

[https://www.cps.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/publications/cps\\_2020.pdf](https://www.cps.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/publications/cps_2020.pdf)

Think about:

- How many regional offices are there? How many Solicitors and Barristers are there?
- How many cases do they pursue each year? Is there a backlog?
- What is CPS direct?

## EXPERTISE

- Use the following links to research the effectiveness of the CPS in relation to expertise and also their role in court as expert witnesses:

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/>

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/after-gcses/find-career-ideas/explore-jobs/job-profile/crown-prosecutor>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/crown-prosecutor>

Think about:

- Their level of training.
- How they help the Police

HMRC

ROLE

Use the following links to research the role of HMRC in criminal investigations

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criminal-investigation/hmrc-criminal-investigation-policy>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/code-of-practice-9-where-hm-revenue-and-customs-suspect-fraud-cop-9-2012>

<https://fraudinvestigationjobs.hmrc.gov.uk/criminal-justice-in-hmrc/overview/>

Think about:

Their role and key duties

How they are involved in criminal investigations?

The code of conduct/ legislation/ regulations that they abide by.

COST AND AVAILABILITY

Use the following links to research the effectiveness of HMRC in relation to cost & availability:

<https://www.ftadviser.com/your-industry/2020/03/11/budget-2020-funding-pledged-for-4-4bn-hmrc-evasion-crackdown/>

<https://www.gov.uk/report-an-unregistered-trader-or-business>

<https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=5454a159-6148-4e08-b42c-84f92784eb58>

Think about:

How they are funded

The amount of funding for 2020

How tax evasion can be reported

EXPERTISE

- Use the following links to research the effectiveness of HMRC in relation to expertise
- <https://www.pinsentmasons.com/out-law/news/hmrc-1000-raids-fight-tax-evasion>
- <https://fraudinvestigationjobs.hmrc.gov.uk/criminal-justice-in-hmrc/overview/>
- <https://www.companydebt.com/hmrc-tax-problems/dealing-with-consultants-hmrc-tax-investigations/hmrc-criminal-investigation-team-different/>
- <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2019/06/20/government-misses-35bn-due-tax-evasion-errors/>
- <https://www.accountancydaily.co/prosecutions-top-1000-hmrc-focuses-tax-evasion-individuals>

Think about:

- The expertise of a HMRC Investigator/ their powers
- The high proportion of investigations taking place
- Difficulties in proving any wrongdoing and limited cases sent to CPS
- Difficulties against those with monetary means – High profile cases – E.g. Footballer's tax evasion

## PATHOLOGIST

### ROLE

Use the following links to research the role of a pathologist:

<https://pathologists.org.uk/specialities/forensic-pathology/h>

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2018/sep/26/forensic-pathologist-richard-shepherd-ptsd-cutting-up-23000-bodies-not-normal>

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/true-blood-what-the-forensic-pathologist-saw-1825727.html>

Think about:

- How they handle and interpret evidence
- Their level of knowledge on handling particular types of evidence and why that is important
- What relationships do they have with other agencies – who do they work for/with?

### COST

Use the following links to research the effectiveness of a pathologist in relation to cost:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5507562/>

<https://fflm.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Role-of-Forensic-Pathologist-Dr-R-Jones-and-Prof-R-Shepherd-November-2017.pdf>

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/dec/15/police-failure-to-quickly-deploy-forensic-pathologist-raises-fears-of-missed-murders>

Think about:

- Who funds a pathologists – they are generally self-employed.
- What are the issues if a pathologist is not included in a case as a result of trying to save money?

### AVAILABILITY

Use the following links to research the effectiveness of a pathologist in relation to availability:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/495011/The\\_role\\_of\\_Forensic\\_Pathologists.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/495011/The_role_of_Forensic_Pathologists.pdf)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/home-office-register-of-forensic-pathologists-february-2013/home-office-register-of-forensic-pathologists>

### EXPERTISE

- Use the following links to research the effectiveness of the pathologists in relation to expertise and also their role in court as expert witnesses:

<https://fopat.weebly.com/benefits--limitations.html>

<https://www.rcpath.org/discover-pathology/careers-in-pathology/train-to-work-in-pathology/training-in-forensic-pathology.html>

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/pathologist-in-sally-clark-case-may-be-struck-off-492570.html>

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2012/aug/23/tomlinson-pathologist-freddy-patel-struck-off>

Think about:

- Their level of training
- What are some of the strengths and limitations of the role?
- Issues with their interpretation of the evidence



## SOCOS

### ROLE

Use the following links to research the role of SOCOS:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/site-page/what-crime-scene-investigator>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/scenes-of-crime-officer>

<https://www.how2become.com/blog/how-to-become-a-scenes-of-crime-officer/>

Legislation:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/117591/pace-code-b-2011.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/117591/pace-code-b-2011.pdf)

Examination of crime scenes in films... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJcNa2-jprs>

### COST AND AVAILABILITY

Use the following links to research the effectiveness of SOCOS in relation to cost and availability:

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/8408619/Secret-70m-cost-of-closing-forensics-agency.html>

<https://www.unison.org.uk/content/uploads/2015/08/Scientific-Services-Survey-Report-March-2015.pdf>

Think about:

- How have budget cuts impacted Crime Scene Investigation?
  - Look at two or three impacts of (with examples):
    - fewer staff
    - delivery times for examination
    - poorer service
    - more stress on staff
    - attendance at lower priority jobs / prioritisation
    - high risk crime scenes
    - the golden hour
- Have there been different cuts in regional areas?
- How much CSI are paid in comparison to other technical roles. Is overtime paid?

### EXPERTISE

- Use the following links to research the effectiveness of SOCOS in relation to expertise:

<https://www.unison.org.uk/content/uploads/2015/08/Scientific-Services-Survey-Report-March-2015.pdf> (page 11)

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=15&v=tYJiZq3TQh0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=15&v=tYJiZq3TQh0)
- <http://www.amandaknoxcase.com/contamination-photos-before-and-after/>
- <http://www.amandaknoxcase.com/videos-2/>
- <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/may/02/police-officer-london-lost-control-streets-knife-crime-cuts>
- <https://www.mirror.co.uk/tv/tv-news/chilling-slip-jeremy-bamber-made-21326426>
- <https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/uk-news/michael-barrymore-pool-death-mistakes-17677513>

Think about:

- Strengths - Expertise involved in the role – give examples
- Limitations - Investment in training and development of SOCOS / health risks and hazardous materials/ emotional demand/ care and attention
- Case examples: Amanda Knox, Stephen Lawrence, Barry George, Jeremy Bamber, Michael Barrymore

NCA

ROLE

Use the following links to research the role of the NCA:

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-24384152>

<https://nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/who-we-are/publications/329-nca-annual-report-accounts-2018-19/file>

Think about:

What did the NCA replace?

Who they are and what do the NCA do?

The legislation that the NCA must abide by

COST AND AVAILABILITY

Use the following links to research the effectiveness of the NCA in relation to cost & availability:

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/national-crime-agency-awarded-over-8m-in-fight-to-tackle-serious-and-organised-crime->

<https://nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/who-we-are/publications/329-nca-annual-report-accounts-2018-19/file>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-48261477>

<https://nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/who-we-are/publications/289-nca-annual-plan-2019-20/file>

Think about:

How are they funded?

Have they experienced budget cuts? What would the impact be on availability?

EXPERTISE

- Use the following links to research the effectiveness of the NCA in relation to expertise and also their role in court as expert witnesses:

<https://nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/who-we-are/publications/329-nca-annual-report-accounts-2018-19/file>

<https://nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/who-we-are/publications/289-nca-annual-plan-2019-20/file>

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/12021882/Inquiry-launched-into-National-Crime-Agency-blunders.html>

<https://www.theguardian.com/law/2014/dec/02/judge-criticises-national-crime-agency-fraud-trial>

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/nca-slammed-as-ignorant-and-ill-informed-by-high-court-judge-after-agency-used-unlawful-search-10247710.html>

Think about:

- Their areas of expertise
- Key cases (and ongoing cases) that they work on
- Their relationship with the police
- Any errors made by the NCA - The way in which evidence has been collected